



Adverbs Basics: Adverbs of Manner

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She spoke ____ so as not to wake the baby.
a) softness
b) loudly
c) softly
d) soft
2. The children ran ____ to the ice cream truck.
a) eager
b) eagerness
c) excitement
d) eagerly
3. He ____ explained the rules of the game.
a) clarity
b) clearly
c) clearer
d) clear
4. The nurse treated the patient ____.
a) gently
b) roughly
c) gentleness
d) gentle
5. Please handle the package _____. It contains glass.
a) careful
b) careless
c) carefulness
d) carefully
6. The audience clapped ____ after the performance.
a) enthusiasm
b) enthusiastic
c) enthusiast
d) enthusiastically
7. He looked at her ____ before leaving.
a) sadly
b) happily
c) sadness
d) sad
8. The storm hit the coast ____.
a) violence
b) violently
c) violent
d) gently
9. She ____ agreed to help with the project.
a) willing
b) willingness
c) willingly
d) unwilling
10. The river flows ____ through the valley.
a) smoothly
b) smooth
c) smoothness
d) smoother
11. The students worked ____ to finish the exam on time.
a) lazily
b) hurriedly
c) hurry
d) hurried

12. She knocked ____ on the door three times.
a) loudly
b) loudness
c) loud
d) louder
13. The soldier fought ____ in battle.
a) bravely
b) brave
c) bravery
d) timidly
14. She whispered the secret ____ into his ear.
a) quietness
b) quieter
c) quiet
d) quietly
15. The plane landed ____ despite the strong wind.
a) safe
b) safety
c) safer
d) safely
16. The music sounds ____.
a) beautify
b) beautifully
c) beautiful
d) beauty
17. The meal was _____. Everyone enjoyed it.
a) delicacy
b) delicious
c) deliciously
d) deliciousness
18. You look ____ today. Is everything OK?
a) tiredly
b) tiring
c) tired
d) tiredness
19. The flowers smell ____.
a) sweetness
b) sweet
c) sweetly
d) sweeten
20. This cake tastes ____! What's the recipe?
a) amazement
b) amazingly
c) amazing
d) amaze



Answers

1. c) softly
2. d) eagerly
3. b) clearly
4. a) gently
5. d) carefully
6. d) enthusiastically
7. a) sadly
8. b) violently
9. c) willingly
10. a) smoothly
11. b) hurriedly
12. a) loudly
13. a) bravely
14. d) quietly
15. d) safely
16. c) beautiful
17. b) delicious
18. c) tired
19. b) sweet
20. c) amazing



Explanations

1. “softly” (c)

'Softly' is the adverb of manner describing how she spoke. The phrase 'so as not to wake the baby' tells us she kept her voice low — 'loudly' is wrong because speaking loudly would wake the baby. 'Soft' is an adjective, 'softness' is a noun.

2. “eagerly” (d)

'Eagerly' is the adverb of manner telling us how the children ran — with eagerness. 'Eager' is an adjective, 'excitement' and 'eagerness' are nouns.

3. “clearly” (b)

'Clearly' is an adverb of manner describing how he explained. Adverbs of manner can come before the main verb or at the end. 'Clear' is an adjective, 'clearer' is comparative, and 'clarity' is a noun.

4. “gently” (a)

'Gently' is the adverb of manner describing how the nurse treated the patient. A nurse providing care would handle a patient with tenderness — 'roughly' is wrong because rough treatment contradicts proper medical care. Remember: gentle → gently (drop -le, add -ly). 'Gentleness' is a noun, 'gentle' is an adjective.

5. “carefully” (d)

'Carefully' is the adverb telling us how to handle the package. 'Careful' is an adjective, 'careless' means 'without care' (an adjective), and 'carefulness' is a noun.

6. “enthusiastically” (d)

'Enthusiastically' is the adverb of manner describing how the audience clapped. 'Enthusiastic' is an adjective, 'enthusiasm' is a noun, and 'enthusiast' is a person noun.

7. “sadly” (a)

'Sadly' is the adverb describing the manner in which he looked at her. The context 'before leaving' suggests a parting moment filled with sorrow — 'happily' is wrong because looking at someone happily before leaving contradicts the emotional tone. Here 'looked at' is an action verb (= directed his eyes), so the adverb is correct.

8. “violently” (b)

'Violently' is the adverb of manner describing how the storm hit the coast. Storms are powerful natural events — 'gently' is wrong because a storm hitting the coast implies destructive force, not softness. 'Violent' is an adjective, 'violence' is a noun.

9. “willingly” (c)

'Willingly' is an adverb of manner that can be placed before the verb. It describes how she agreed. 'Willing' is an adjective, 'willingness' is a noun, and 'unwilling' means 'not willing'.

10. “smoothly” (a)

'Smoothly' is the adverb of manner describing how the river flows. 'Smooth' is an adjective, 'smoothness' is a noun, and 'smoother' is a comparative adjective.

11. “hurriedly” (b)

'Hurriedly' is the adverb of manner formed from 'hurried' + -ly, describing how the students worked. The phrase 'to finish the exam on time' tells us they were rushing — 'lazily' is wrong because working lazily would not help them finish on time. 'Hurry' is a verb or noun, 'hurried' is an adjective.

12. “loudly” (a)

'Loudly' is the adverb describing how she knocked. 'Loud' is an adjective, 'louder' is comparative, and 'loudness' is a noun.

13. “bravely” (a)

'Bravely' is the adverb of manner describing how the soldier fought. A soldier fighting in battle is expected to show courage — 'timidly' is wrong because fighting timidly contradicts the image of a soldier in battle. 'Brave' is an adjective, 'bravery' is a noun.

14. “quietly” (d)

'Quietly' is the adverb of manner describing how she whispered. 'Quiet' is an adjective, 'quieter' is comparative, and 'quietness' is a noun.

15. “safely” (d)

'Safely' is the adverb of manner describing how the plane landed. 'Safe' is an adjective, 'safety' is a noun, and 'safer' is comparative.

16. “beautiful” (c)

After the linking verb 'sounds', we use an adjective, not an adverb. 'The music sounds beautiful' describes the music itself. 'Sounds beautifully' would incorrectly mean 'uses the sense of hearing in a beautiful way'.

17. “delicious” (b)

After the linking verb 'was', we need an adjective to describe the meal. 'The meal was delicious' is correct. 'Deliciously' is an adverb and cannot follow 'was' to describe a noun.

18. “tired” (c)

After the linking verb 'look' (meaning 'appear'), we use an adjective. 'You look tired' means 'you appear tired'. 'Tiredly' would only be correct with an action verb (e.g., 'She walked tiredly').

19. “sweet” (b)

After the linking verb 'smell' (meaning 'have a smell'), we use an adjective. 'The flowers smell sweet' describes the flowers. 'Sweetly' is an adverb used with action verbs (e.g., 'She smiled sweetly').

20. “amazing” (c)

After the linking verb 'tastes', we use an adjective to describe the cake. 'The cake tastes amazing' is correct. 'Amazingly' is an adverb and would not be correct after a linking verb in this context.